Headington Liveable Streets





Our vision is for community-led liveable streets across Headington, where active travel is made easy, playing out is safe, air quality is improved, neighbourhood connections thrive and ratrunning is no longer an option.







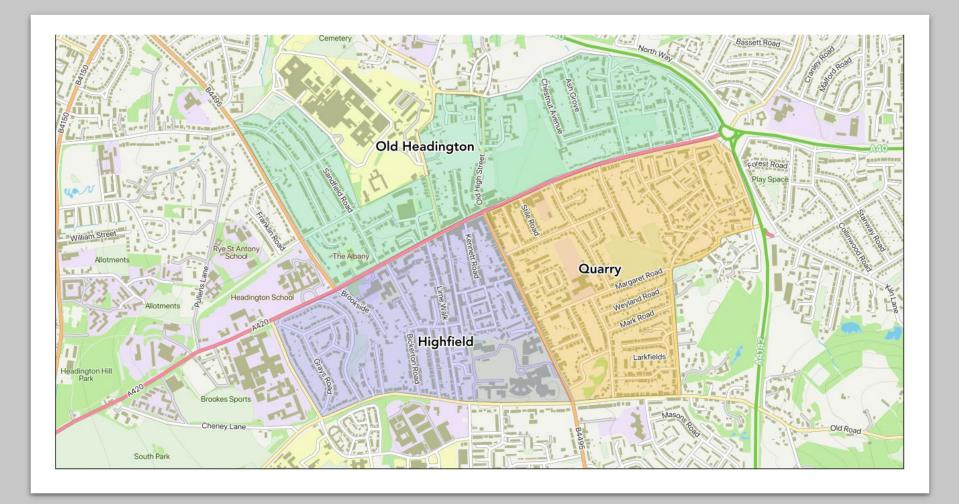
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Infrastructure to support a switch to 'active travel'

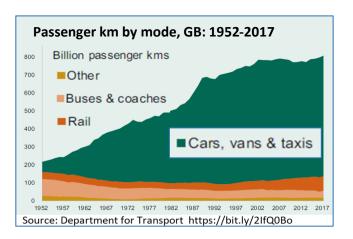


High hidden costs of the status quo: we can't afford business as usual

Private motor vehicle use has increased tenfold since records began in 1952¹, but this has come at a huge hidden cost to public health and society as a whole

Public health-related costs

- Physical inactivity 1 in 6 deaths in the UK (equal to smoking); costs £7.4bn a year²
- Oxford continually breaches European NO₂ limits³; 276 deaths per year from particulate air pollution in Oxfordshire⁴



 Av. 25 children and 368 adults killed/seriously injured on Oxfordshire roads every year from 2000-2016 (far worse than England average) ⁵

Costs of congestion

 Costs the UK an estimated £13.1bn annually – a major concern for businesses 9

Climate change

 Transport accounts for 45% of greenhouse gas emissions in Oxfordshire (largest single source) 12

But change is well within our reach: high-value benefits at relatively low cost

The benefits of LTNs are supported by the evidence 14 – they increase life expectancy, reduce air pollution and lower collision rates, while promoting good mental health through greater social cohesion.

Public health-related savings and benefits

Improved road safety

 National evidence suggests swapping short motor vehicle trips for active travel could save £17bn in NHS costs ¹⁵



Excellent value for money

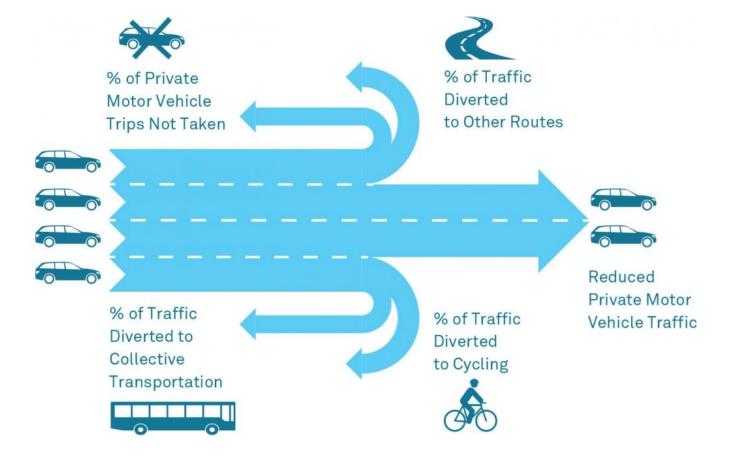
- Waltham Forest Mini-Holland scheme reported no collisions in the 11 months after implementation, down from an average of 5 per year ¹⁷
- Low infrastructure costs create readymade pedestrian and cycle-friendly networks from people's front doors ¹⁸
- Waltham Forest Mini-Holland recorded a 20% increase in cycling 19

Less congestion

- Waltham Forest Mini-Holland reported a 50% reduction in traffic
- London Fire Brigade reported no sustained degradation in attendance times after implementation 21

Reduced emissions

 Forecasts suggest we could reduce emissions by almost 60% by 2030 by taking positive actions across all sectors now ²³



Traffic Evaporation. Research shows that when road capacity is shifted to other modes, some peak-period traffic disappears from the network. Drivers shift to other modes, make trips at other times, or shift destinations.